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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STUDENT STRIKES

REF: PORT LOUIS 0387 (NOTAL)

1. DEMONSTRATIONS CALLING FOR EDUCATIONAL REFORM THAT BEGAN MONDAY ARE CONTINUING FOR THIRD DAY. STUDENTS WHO MADE UP VAST MAJORITY FIRST TWO DAYS NOT NOTICEABLE TODAY. NUMERICALLY SMALLER BUT UNRULY GROUPS OF OLDER YOUTHS HAVE CAUSED BREAK DOWN OF CIVIL ORDER IN SUBURB OF ROSE HILL AND RIOTING ON OUTSKIRTS OF PORT LOUIS. POLICE KEEPING RIOTERS AWAY FROM DOWNTOWN AREA WITH HEAVY USE OF TEAR GAS.

2. GOM ANNOUNCED EVENING MAY 20 THAT ALL GOVERNMENT AND MOST PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER

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NOTICE. DURING TUESDAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS A BUS, POLICE MOTOR-

CYCLE AND ONE OR TWO CARS WERE BURNED IN THE ROSE HILL AREA
AND SOME STORES WERE LOOTED. ONLY TWO INJURIES FROM FLYING
ROCKS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.

3. OFFICES AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE REMAINED
OPEN AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEMONSTRATIONS AIMED AT AMERICAN
EMBASSY OR OTHER OVERT ANTI-AMERICAN EXPRESSION. RIOTING
IN URBAN CENTERS FAR FROM BEACH RESORTS AND HAS NOT
BEEN A THREAT TO TOURISTS.
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